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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

30 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Assistant Legislative Counsel
Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT:

Information Requested by House Select Committee
on Government Research

REFERENCE:

Your memo, same subject, dated 24 June 1964

1. The following information is provided in response to the questions presented in the referenced memorandum. This office is not competent to determine under what conditions any of this information can be released as proposed in your memorandum. We have, however, indicated the classification of the answers to the several questions and of the available publications.

2. Question 3. a.

In the conduct of its scientific translation program the Agency carefully coordinates with all other departments and agencies of Government. They regularly inform us of translations they propose to undertake and we advise them whether we have information that a given translation has been done or is being done elsewhere. This cooperative exchange of information has been going on for 15 years. For the past 5 years we have had particularly close working relations and exchange of information with the Office of Technical Services in connection with its development of the publication called "Technical Translations". Through these arrangements we have been able to avoid duplication of translation for ourselves and others. It might be interesting to note that all translations proposed under the PL 480 program are checked with us and in the past year we were able to save 257 books from being translated a second time. We have an abiding interest in machine translation even though we discontinued further sponsorship of research at Georgetown University last year. We cooperate closely with DOD and NSF in following research developments in the field and assist them with evaluations of research proposals that they have under consideration for sponsorship. We are

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*we expect to
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also working cooperatively with the Air Force in testing the operational capability of the IBM special purpose translation machine now at Foreign Technology Division, Wright-Patterson AFB. (Unclassified)

3. Question 3. b.

☒ Our costs of translation of foreign documents average \$4.80 per page. (Unclassified)

4. Question 3. c.

The Office of Central Reference is not aware of any procedure for the review of classified projects with a view toward ultimate declassification and dissemination of the information to the public. While this Office has a functional responsibility in the area of classification and dissemination, this has not included release to the public. We are not, therefore, competent to respond to this question. It is possible that the Public Relations Officer and the Office of Security could provide guidance on this point.

5. Question 3. d.

There is attached a list of finished intelligence reports on scientific and technical manpower in the USSR which have been issued by this Agency. Retention copies of items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are enclosed. Item 2 is out of stock but a copy can be made, if you desire. The remaining copies enclosed (items 7-12) are loan copies. Retention copies can be obtained if you have use for studies of these classifications. (The classification of each item is indicated.)

6. It is assumed that you are not interested in biographic studies such as "Soviet Men of Science" (Secret) or smaller biographic papers prepared by our Biographic Register.

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Copies of publications with original only

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